



Connecticut Family Support Council  
May 10, 2012 Meeting

**Members in Attendance:** Robyn Trowbridge, Co-Chair, Linda Mizzi, Sara Lourie, Mona Tremblay, Jen Carroll, Karen Hlavac, Tesha Imperati, Terry Cote (phone).

**Members of the Public:** Cathy Adamczyk

**Location:** Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, Hartford  
Robyn Trowbridge called the meeting to order at 10:16am.

I. Public Comment:

- a. Cathy Adamczyk is hopeful that the Partners in Policymaking course will be funded again next year. Also, the DD Council special initiatives for the year ahead include employment, housing and health. The DD Council will be distributing RFPs related to those issues and how to promote community inclusion. Responses should be directed to the DD Council.

II. March Minutes:

- a. Motion by Sara Lourie to accept April minutes with proposed corrections. Second by Linda Mizzi.
- b. Motion passed in member vote.

III. Old Business:

- a. January Minutes – Karen Hlavac remembered making a motion to accept the January Minutes with changes. Ann Gionet seconded the motion and the motion carried in member vote.
- b. Membership – There was an Executive Committee meeting on May 7, 2012 and membership was discussed. Robyn announced that there are 10 Parent/Advocate positions vacant at this time. Robyn described efforts that are being made to attract and invite new members. Robyn and Lisa will be contacting potential new members and will report progress at the June meeting.
- c. By-Laws Sub-Committee – Sara Lourie distributed draft By-Laws. Members discussed changing the title of “Parent Member” to Parent/Advocate member” for purposes of the By-Laws. Sara reported that the biggest proposed changes to the By-Laws exist on page 2, #6 and #7 related to

moving former policies into the body of the By-Laws. Sara will have changes to draft By-Laws posted by May 14<sup>th</sup> and available for the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

IV. New Business:

- a. Legislative Updates – May 22<sup>nd</sup> LOB Autism Waiver presentation was announced. The new legislation regarding IEP “Deaf Child Bill of Rights” Language and Communication Plans was presented.
- b. Nominations Committee – Jen Carroll volunteered to Chair the Nominations Committee. She will email members to attract nominations for the Executive Board for the upcoming year. The slate will be made available in June, 30 days prior to the July Annual Meeting.

- V. Standing Agenda Item – School Climate. Robyn reported that Co-Chairs would like to invite Dr. Sugai to attend the FSC Retreat and that Joan Feinberg will be contacted in regards to attending as well.

Meeting was adjourned at noon with a motion by Karen Hlavac and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tesha Imperati, with unanimous passing of member vote.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Carroll.